

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 798

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 964
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 964, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to support the elderly population in this State.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Appropriates moneys for the Kupuna Care Program and the Aging and Disability Resource Center;
- (2) Deletes the requirement that the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator be appointed by the Director of the Executive Office on Aging in accordance with chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and appropriates moneys for the position;
- (3) Appropriates moneys for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly;
- (4) Appropriates moneys for grants under chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to designated senior centers;
- (5) Appropriates moneys for supporting the healthy aging partnership program; and



- (6) Appropriates moneys for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness campaign.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging; Maui County Office on Aging; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter; American Association of Retired Persons; Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans, An Affiliate of the Alliance for Retired Americans; Catholic Charities Hawaii; Hawaii Government Employees Association; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; ILWU Local 142; Kaiser Permanente; Protecting Hawaii's Ohana, Children, Under Served, Elderly and Disabled (PHOCUSED); Policy Board for Elder Affairs; Queen's Health Systems; Zonta Club of Hilo; and forty-nine individuals. Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that it is essential that the State protect the health and well-being of the State's elderly. According to census projections, Hawaii's senior population will almost double between 2010 and 2020. Programs and services such as the Kupuna Care Program, the State's Aging and Disability Resource Center, Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services, fall prevention and early detection services, and the healthy aging partnership program are important parts of the State's efforts to address the immediate and future needs of the elderly.

Your Committee notes that the base budget of the Executive Office on Aging of the Department of Health includes funding for both the Kupuna Care Program and the Aging and Disability Resource Center, and believes those programs may be more appropriately funded through the budget. Your Committee also notes that funding for grants under chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, will be evaluated and awarded separately, and thus it is appropriate to delete the funding for senior centers in this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing all of the appropriation amounts to unspecified sums;



- (2) Deleting Part IV of the measure, which provided funding for grants to senior centers; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 964, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 964, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



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